After all, it is a fine thing for every citizen to have the liberty of seeing and accosting the chief of the State and laying their grievances at the fountain head. They may not be redressed, for that must depend upon various causes and combinations; but you are, at least, sure they are made known and not smuggled by intermediate officers. It is an art which all monarchs have practised who wish to be popular; but they soon grow tired of it, and the people of them ; for when the lower classes find it leads to nothing, they begin to see through the bubble.

We are preparing to-day to receive the Turkish ambassador, who is to stay three days here and to be harangued by the municipality.

I should not talk of the beauties of Fontainebleau if I thought they would tempt you to infidelity. They do not *me; I* see no dunghill like my own, no trees, no water, no rocks, no moon—I dare not say sun—comparable to ours; but, with that exception, *iota Anglia mihi sordet, I* prefer France. You will laugh at my neighbourhood. On one side I have les dames de St. Cyr, from Versailles, with twenty pensioners

singing litanies
all day long. On the other, in the *ci-devant*
Count d'Artois' stables, is a regiment of cavalry,
who trumpet every hour for something or other,